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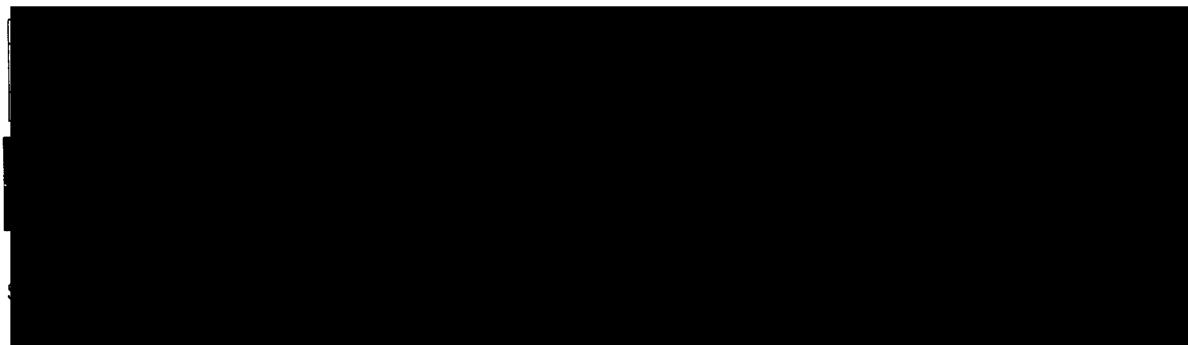
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The 25th "JAN SVERMA" Infantry Regiment in KLATOVY.

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date of info: [REDACTED]

Code name of this Regiment is KOZAK ; code number 1574  
Postal address: Garrison Hq. (posadkove velitelstvi) post box 27/A  
in Klatovy.  
Subordinated to H.Q. 2nd Division in SUSICE.

1. The Regiment is billeted in the new barracks located on the eastern outskirts of the city along the district road to HORAZDOVICE, in two large 3-storey buildings. Regt. H.Q. are in a two-story building. There is one further two-story building there, housing the infirmary and a movie-house and 4 one-storey buildings for stores, garages and workshops. The entire compound is bordered by a barbed-wire fence on two sides, and by a wall in the rear.
2. The other barracks consist of the Cavalry-Barracks and are located some 300 meters from the R.R. halt near the Economic Cooperative. Source has no details of these buildings.

The entire Regiment is located in the new barracks: 3 battalions and 1 training battalion, i.e. the NCO.-school.

The KLATOVY military garrison consists of 4 Battalions, of a total of 1600 men.

C.O. of the Susice Division is : Brig. General fnu PATERA, about 50, thick-set, medium height, fair. A fanatical communist.

3. 1st Battalion: C.O.: 1st Lieutenant Zdenek BABANEK, 35, 179 cm, thickset, round face, chestnut hair. A "paper" communist.  
Deputy C.O.: the enlightenment officer Lieut. fnu LIPSKY, 31, 168 cm, medium height, dark, curly hair; communist.

This 1st Battalion has 3 companies of infantry, 1 mortar company, 1 heavy MG. company. The companies had an establishment of about 50 men each at the time of the information and the mortar and MG. Coy. 25 each. The companies were composed of 3 squadrons ( ~~rota~~ družstvo, not četa, or platoon) of 16 men each.

C.O. 3rd Company is 2nd. Lieut. Miroslav RABA, 25, 170 cm, slim, brown, curly hair; communist.

Deputy C.O.: "Starsina" (Senior NCO) Miroslav SOTOLA, 24, 180 cm, slim, fair, non-political.

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Armament: all Companies have approximately the same weapons. Half the men have model 98 N. rifles, and the other half SMG-s, model 48 AB CZ. Each Coy. also has 4 Light MG-s, model 26 and SKODA, model 34 granades, as well as armor-piercing rifles, which however were not being used in the course of training.

The MG. Coy: has 25 men. C.O.: 2 Lieut. Miroslav KUST, 30, 170 cm, medium stature, thin, fair hair, paper-communist.

The Mortar Coy: has 25 men equipped with 82 mm. mortars, model 32 N. C.O.: 2 Lieut. Jaroslav HVIKD, 26, 180 cm, thick-set, curly fair hair; a communist.

The Coy. has 4 mortars, with 5 men each to a mortar. Every man also has a rifle model 98 N.

The Regt. H.Q. have a radio-transmitter, but Source has no info. on it.

School for NCO-s.

Is about 540 men strong. C.O.: Staff captain Jan FRANKO, 45, 172 cm, fair, a fanatical communist.

2-i.C. 1st Lieut. Josef VOTAHAL, 33, 185 cm, slim, dark, curly hair, a communist. Was formerly CO. of school.

The School is divided into:

The Infantry Unit: 150 men, CO: 1st Lieutenant Josef KASAL, 31, 180 cm, thick-set, round face, thin fair hair, a communist.

The Training Battery: 170 men. CO: 1st. Lieut. Vlastimil NAHLIK, a Slovak, 35, 175 cm, fat, dark, curly hair, a fanatical communist.  
Deputy CO: 2/Lieut. Jar. SVOBODA, 27, 170 cm, slim, dark hair, a communist.

Mortar or regimental Coy: 130 men. CO: 2/Lieut. Ladislav HAVLICEK, 30, 170 cm, thick-set, round face, fair. A paper-communist.

The Infantry Unit has model 98 N rifles, model 48 AB SMG-s and a few LMG-s.

The Training Battery has 57 mm. infantry cannon: 12 with long barrels, 4 with short barrels. Individual weapons consist of model 48 AB SMG-s and also 9 model 32 Mortars of 82 mm. caliber, as well as 4 mortars of 120 mm.

Basic infantry training was to be practised with the aid of a Mot. transport column of 60 trucks. These were, however, very seldom used, except for exercises of 2-3 days. Their drivers belonged to the Training Battalion and were available in case of an alert.

In the opinion of Officers, the degree of proficiency in the Unit was insufficient.

Garrison M.O.: Colonel Jan HOLY, M.D., 50, 180 cm, fair, thin hair, a paper-communist.

MORALE of officers and NCO-s is fairly good, with some 80% of them communists. Against this, morale among the men is pretty bad and only about 10 % of them are communists party-men.

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comment: this 25th Infantry Regiment used to be traditionally called the "Telgartsky" Regiment, which name now has evidently been made more "popular democratic".

Previous reports confirm that this regiment was in fact subordinated to the 2nd Division, which was made an infantry-division through re-organisation of the former 2nd Mountain Brigade in SUSICE.

The above report lists brig. general PATERA, hitherto GOC. of the 11th Division in PLZEN as Division commander. There have been previous unconfirmed reports that this Officer has been transferred to KLATOVY, but the personal description given by Source does not tally with the available description of him.

Brig. general fnu LOMSKY, who had previously commanded the 2nd Division in SUSICE, is reported to have been transferred to command the newly established Military Technical Academy in BRNO with the rank of Lieutenant General.

ARMORED UNIT at O b y t c e, 6 kilometers to the East of Klatovy.

A tank Unit is located here in the former Castle. It has 24 tanks of German T - 32 model (NOTE: probably Russian T 34). There are also some lighter tanks the types of which Source can not identify.

The Castle is at the edge of the village, on the road to Klatovy. It has 2 storeys and there are some farm-buildings at the rear, now used as tank-sheds.

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The military Unit at MIKULOV .

Date of Information : October 1951

The Unit is located in barracks on the edge of the town, along the highway to Hustopece. They consist of two 3-storey buildings, built during the German occupation. In the rear there are several 1-storey buildings, housing mess-halls, first-aid post and stables for about 30 horses, as well as workshops and garages. The entire area is surrounded by barbed-wire fencing about 6 feet high.

The Units consists of 1 infantry Battalion , of 3 companies:  
1st Company -- I.  
2nd Company -- K.  
3rd Company -- AC.

The overall strength of this Battalion is 600 men. Another Battalion of this Regiment is in BRNO on the Kravi Hora and one other Battalion at HODONIN. All three Battalions come under the Regimental H.Q. at BRECLAV 3976.

Regimental C.O.: Lieut.Colonel fnu MOTAL, 55 yrs, medium height, grey hair, a luke-wark communist.

2nd-i.C.: Staff Captain fnu BALTAZARIK, about 40 yrs, of small stature, a fanatical communist who used to be the enlightenment officer.

Garrison commander in MIKULOV: Staff Captain Josef KRISTEK, about 40 years, slim, medium height, black hair, politically indifferent.

Political enlightenment officer: Lieutenant fnu OULEHLA, about 25 yrs. medium stature, black hair, a fanatical communist.

1st Company at Mikulov: C.O. - 1st Lieut. fnu DANIEL, about 40 yrs., small, thick-set, grey hair, a fanatical communist.

2nd-i.-C.: Lieut. fnu SISKI, about 32 yrs., small, thick-set, dark hair, a communist.

The Company has 280-290 men, divided into 5 platoons, of 3 Squadrons each.

2nd Company -- K : C.O: Lieutenant fnu TOTH, about 38, small, black hair, a communist.

The Company has about 140. It is the supporting artillery company, with about 3 75mm cannon, 3 mortars and SMG. model 48 AB as personal weapons.

3rd Company -- AC : is also a supporting artillery company, about 160 men strong

C.O.: Lieut. fnu HRUBY, about 35 yrs., medium stature, black hair, a communist.

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Armament officer: Lieut. fnu ZEMLICKA, about 40 yrs., medium stature, chestnut hair, a luke-warm communist.

Equipment: 4 75mm. cannon, 3 mortars, SMG model 48 AB and rifles mod.98M.

Ammunition stores: near the training-grounds along the road to HUSTOPECE, located in a wooden hut, 9 x 3 x 3 m. Guard: 1 + 2 .

Morale of Unit: generally good. Politically some 60 % of the Officers are communist, but scarcely 3 % of the men.

( N O T E : This is no doubt the 3rd, so far unidentified Batallion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment "JSK", of which one Batallion is stationed in BRNO and another in BRECLA. Regimental H.Q. had formerly been reported in BRNO. )

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Army training-center in HORNÍ PLANA (

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The military training area lies between the following communities:  
HORICKY - POLNA - POLECENICE - HODNOV - HORNÍ PLANA \* the BRANISTE mountain -  
HAVAJKA - CHVALSINÝ - BOLETICE - HORICKY .

Headquarters of the area are in Boletice, on the edge of the village  
the road to CHVALSIN, on the left where it crosses the road to KAJOV.  
The barn adjoining the HQ. buildings contains a gasoline dump.

Troops are billeted in the communities as well as under canvas.  
Reservists are trained here for 3-4 weeks and active troops for as much  
as 6 months. The area is not fenced in and marked only by notice-boards.  
The center is used for training of all arms , including artillery and  
it contains an artillery highway and a tank-school.

H.Q. of the tank-units is located in PODVORI. Some tanks are per-  
manently stationed here, whilst others are brought along with the troops  
that come here for battle-training. The tanks are dispersed in the open,  
and not under shelter.

A canvas-camp for use in summer is located along the road leading  
from PODVORI to CHVALSINÝ and BOLETICE. The camp is used by infantry and  
artillery units. A large artillery summer-camp is located near POLECENICE  
on the right of the railroad leading to HODNOV.

There is an advanced air-field near POLECENICE on the left of the  
road to HODNOV, used only for artillery spotting-flights. On the same  
side of this road there is another summer-camp and opposite to it, on  
the other side of the road tank-troops are usually stationed.

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